

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
CITY COUNCIL

Summary Minutes of Regular Session

November 1, 2004  
8:00 p.m.

Council Chambers  
Bellevue, Washington

PRESENT: Mayor Marshall, Deputy Mayor Noble, and Councilmembers Balducci, Chelminiak, Davidson, Degginger and Lee

ABSENT: None.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Mayor Marshall, who presided.

2. Roll Call, Flag Salute

Upon roll call by the City Clerk, all Councilmembers were present. Mr. Degginger led the flag salute.

3. Communications: Written and Oral

- (a) Beth Wojick, SEAFAIR President/CEO, thanked Council and staff for considering a proposal to host a marathon in Bellevue in July 2005. SEAFAIR is a nonprofit organization with a mission to connect and celebrate the community spirit of Puget Sound. Responding to a previous question raised by Councilmember Chelminiak, Ms. Wojick explained that the media/promotional package to be provided by SEAFAIR in support of the marathon is valued at approximately \$50,000. She noted that 25 percent of the participants will be marathon runners. The majority will run in the half-marathon and 5k events, which will conclude by 10:30 a.m. The projected economic impact for Bellevue is \$1.2 to \$4 million over the next few years in addition to hotel/motel tax revenue.
- (b) Mike Creighton, SEAFAIR Board Chair-Elect, asked Council to support hosting a marathon in Bellevue. SEAFAIR will spend approximately \$500,000 to produce the marathon, which is expected to bring long-term benefits to the region.

4. Reports of Community Councils, Boards and Commissions

Roxanne Shepherd, Arts Commissioner, provided an update on the Cultural Compass Plan. The initial implementation package is scheduled to be presented to Council on November 15. The project team has identified funds designated for public art in the existing Capital Investment Program (CIP) Plan. However, an additional \$100,000 in funding is likely to be needed.

5. Report of the City Manager

City Manager Steve Sarkozy noted the City's longstanding involvement with the International City/County Management Association's (ICMA) Center for Performance Measurement. On October 17, the Center awarded the Certificate of Distinction to the City of Bellevue for its use of performance information in local government management. Rich Siegel, Performance and Outreach Coordinator, said the Certificate of Distinction is the highest award provided by the Center. Bellevue and similar high-performing cities are engaged in performance measurement to promote accountability, transparency, and high-quality service delivery. Mr. Siegel noted that excerpts of Bellevue's annual performance report are included in a number of ICMA publications and on their web site as examples of multi-level reporting and best practices.

Mr. Sarkozy thanked Mr. Siegel and staff for their ongoing commitment to managing local government with a business-like approach. Noting the City's core values, Dr. Davidson feels this is a good example of the values of exceptional public service and innovation.

Mr. Sarkozy provided an update regarding the gas explosion and fire in the Spiritridge neighborhood in early September. Today Puget Sound Energy sent notice to approximately 600 homes announcing plans to rebuild their gas distribution system. The City will assist in communicating and coordinating property access with residents. Staff will work to expedite the permitting process associated with the replacement of utilities equipment.

6. Council Business

[Council Business was discussed in the earlier Study Session.]

7. Approval of the Agenda

➡ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve the agenda, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the agenda carried by a vote of 7-0.

8. Consent Calendar

➡ Mr. Noble moved to approve the Consent Calendar, and Ms. Balducci seconded the motion.

➡ The motion to approve the Consent Calendar carried by a vote of 7-0, and the following

items were approved:

- (a) Minutes of October 11, 2004 Extended Study Session  
Minutes of October 18, 2004 Study Session  
Minutes of October 18, 2004 Regular Session
- (b) Motion to approve payment of claims for the period October 16 through October 29, 2004, and payroll for the period of October 1 through October 15, 2004.
- (c) Resolution No. 7094 authorizing execution of an amendment to the System Purchase Agreement with AMX International, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$336,000 for the purchase of additional planned implementation consulting and programming services for the Finance and Human Resources System Replacement Project – Phase II.
- (d) Resolution No. 7095 authorizing execution of an amendment to the contract with Walker Specialty Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$34,000 for asbestos abatement services for the New City Hall project.
- (e) Ordinance No. 5554 authorizing adoption of the 2005 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding recommendations; and authorizing and directing submittal of a proposal to and acceptance of a grant award contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for 2005 federal Community Block Grant funds; creating a new project series within the Operating Grants and Donations Fund; amending the budget for the Operating Grants and Donations Fund by appropriating additional revenues to that Fund; and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts with grant subrecipients.
- (f) Resolution No. 7096 authorizing execution of an interlocal agreement for Emergency Fire and Medical Communication Services with the City of Mercer Island.
- (g) Ordinance No. 5555 amending the Traffic Standards Code (TSC) and repealing Section 1 of Ordinance No. 5308 eliminating the exemption from TSC for Neighborhood Shopping Centers.
- (h) Ordinance No. 5556 authorizing and providing acquisition of interests in land for the purpose of adding bike lanes and sidewalks, burying existing overhead utilities, improvements at an intersection, street widening, and providing for condemnation of property rights required for SE 16<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements. (CIP Plan No. PW-R-118)
- (i) Ordinance No. 5557 authorizing establishment of a Residential Permit Parking Zone (RPZ) on both sides of 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE from NE 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the residence at 618 123<sup>rd</sup> Avenue NE.

- (j) Resolution No. 7097 authorizing execution of an agreement with Granicus, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$102,039 to provide software and services for video streaming of City information over the worldwide web.
  - (k) Motion to award Bid No. 0451 for Fuel System Upgrades at two refueling sites located at the Bellevue Service Center and Fire Station 5.
9. Public Hearings: None.
10. Land Use: None.
11. Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions
- (a) Resolution No. 7098 authorizing execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with SEAFair for the purpose of providing services and support for a half-marathon, 5k walk/run, and a marathon from 2005 through 2007, which includes but is not limited to a marketing package, services and support plan, and cost-sharing plan.

Mayor Marshall noted this item was previously discussed with Council during the October 25 Extended Study Session.

Dr. Davidson said he will support the resolution but he has concerns regarding traffic flow and access along West Lake Sammamish Parkway.

Deputy Mayor Noble supports this opportunity for Bellevue to participate in a major SEAFair event. While minor inconveniences are inevitable, he feels the benefit to the community outweighs the potential negative impacts.

- ☛ Deputy Mayor Noble moved to approve Resolution No. 7098, and Mr. Degginger seconded the motion.

Mayor Marshall expressed concern regarding the process associated with the SEAFair marathon proposal. She noted Council's year-long review of the 2005-2006 budget. Although the SEAFair organization has discussed a Bellevue marathon for at least a year now, SEAFair submitted its proposal recently and urgently requests approval. Mayor Marshall feels the proposal should be evaluated within the context of competing budget proposals and priorities to ensure fairness and consistency. The marathon would require noise exemption permits for amplified sound on a Sunday. Vasa Park Resort has been asking for a similar exemption, and Council has not yet heard staff's response and recommendation regarding the Resort's request. Mayor Marshall expressed concern that West Lake Sammamish residents have not been notified of the marathon proposal. She requested an economic development plan from staff. In light of the need to eliminate \$1 million from the operating budget discussed earlier tonight, Mayor Marshall cannot consider the marathon proposal without a discussion of competing needs.

Mr. Lee will support the marathon as a rare economic development opportunity. He favors a three- to four-year commitment to having the marathon in Bellevue to achieve the maximum benefit for the community.

Mr. Chelminiak shares Mayor Marshall's concern regarding the timing of the proposal and is concerned about traffic impacts as well. However, he sees the marathon as a great opportunity for promoting Bellevue. He suggested encouraging Youth Link's involvement in the marathon.

Dr. Davidson suggested staff coordinate with churches along the marathon route to mitigate traffic and access impacts. Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran said the proposal will be discussed by the City's Special Events Committee, which requires public outreach activities. He assured Council that staff and the SEAFair organization will reach out to all affected parties to publicize the event.

Ms. Balducci agrees with Mr. Chelminiak regarding the benefits of hosting the SEAFair marathon. She regrets that more advance notice was not provided but feels it is a worthwhile and rare opportunity. Mr. Degginger concurred.

➡ The motion to approve Resolution No. 7098 carried by a vote of 6-1, with Mayor Marshall dissenting.

12. Unfinished Business: None.

13. Continued Oral Communications: None.

14. New Business: None.

15. Executive Session: None.

16. Adjournment

At 8:33 p.m., Mayor Marshall declared the meeting adjourned.

Myrna L. Basich  
City Clerk

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